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RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) HELD ON NOV 29

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1. SUMMARY: SECOND COMMITTEE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION L.28, IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIEO, WERE OPENED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF GORITZA (ROMANIA) ON NOV 29. AFTER AN INTRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT BY PAKISTAN, ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77, WE EXPLAINED OUR REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THIS TEXT. STATEMENTS EXPRESSING VARYING DEGREES OF RESERVATION WERE ALSO MADE BY THE EC-9, JAPAN AND SEVERAL OTHERS. AT THE END OF THE MEETING THE CHAIRMAN DECIDED TO CONTINUE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON NOV 30. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL OF THE MAJOR ACTORS, EXCEPT CANADA, PARTICIPATED

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IN THE CONSULTATIONS HELD ON NOV 29. (CANADA HAD ALREADY

EXPRESSED ITS INITIAL VIEWS IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE AS REPORTED REFTEL A.) PAKISTAN CLAIMED THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RESOLUTION WERE TO CONSOLIDATE -- AS A "PROCEDURAL NECESSITY" -- ALL OF THE ITEMS INVOLVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS AND THE REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (IDS) UNDER ONE SECOND COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM. THE SECOND GOAL OF THE RESOLUTION WAS TO GIVE A "FACTUAL" ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE PAKISTANI DELEGATE DESCRIBED THE CURRENT SITUATION IN NORTH-SOUTH MATTERS AS "NOT ENCOURAGING." HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE G-77 HAD TABLED THE RESOLUTION WITH THE INTENTION OF SEEKING CONSENSUS.

3. THE US REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR MYERSON, SAID THE DRAFT HAD BEEN CAREFULLY AND SERIOUSLY STUDIED BY HIS AUTHORITIES. HE REGRETTED THAT THE TEXT SUBMITTED WAS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. FOR THE US TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF THIS SPECIFIC TEXT -- EVEN WITH THE USUAL SORT OF SMALL AMENDMENTS -- A FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN US POLICY WOULD BE REQUIRED. SUCH A SHIFT WAS NOT IN THE CARDS. THE US CANNOT ACCEPT CRITICISM FOR FAILURE TO CARRY OUT POLICIES WITH WHICH IT DOES NOT AGREE OR COMMITMENTS WHICH IT HAS NOT ACCEPTED. MYERSON RECALLED THE US POSTURE ON NIEO GOING BACK TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. HE SAID WE ARE EAGER TO SET ASIDE DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES, BUT THAT THE DRAFT WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS APPROACH. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE APPROACH OUTLINED IN OPERATIVE PARA NINE OF THE RESOLUTION COULD COMPLICATE OR PREJUDICE PRESENT WORK ON THE IDS AND ITS FUTURE REVISION. HE SAID THE US HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH PERHAPS SIX OF THE NINE PREAMBULAR PARAS AND NINE OF THE ELEVEN OPERATIONAAL PARAS; I.E., WITH THE SPECIFIC CONTENT AND OVERALL THRUST.

4. NETHERLANDS, ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9, FRG, UK, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA ALL ANNOUNCED DIFFICULTIES WITH THE DRAFT AND THOUGH CONSENSUS ON IT WAS DOUBTFUL. AUSTRALIA SUGGESTED A NEW TEXT WOULD BE DESIRABLE. FRANCE BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE THE DRAFT AND CONSIDERED ITS PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE VARIOUS ITEMS UNDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE HEADING (THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIEO) USEFUL. SWEDEN INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT ON THE TEXT IN THE HOPE OF ARRIVING AT THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE. WHILE ACCEPTING THE G-77 DRAFT AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, NORWAY AND FINLAND FELT THAT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES WERE NEEDED IN THE DRAFT TO ENABLE IT TO BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

5. THE USSR, ON BEHALF OF ITS GROUP, CLAIMED THEY HAD

NOT BEEN GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME TO STUDY THE DRAFT. THEY
THOUGHT IT COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION ALTHOUGH
THEY INTENDED TO PROPOSE CONCRETE AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT.
THE CHINESE DELEGATE STATED THAT HE COULD SUPPORT THE
TEXT AS SUBMITTED BY THE G-77.

6. AFTER THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS, THE CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED
THAT, "IN GENERAL," DELEGATIONS WERE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE
IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THESE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
WOULD CONTINUE ON NOV 30. MYERSON REITERATED THAT THE US
DELEGATION, FOR ITS PART, WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE
USING THE PRESENT TEXT AS A BASIS.
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